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### **Peace activist heading to New Glasgow and Truro to tell Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Conservative MP Scott Armstrong not to waste tax dollars on warships**

(New Glasgow / Truro / Halifax ) – A peace activist who has been protesting the \$25 billion warship contract every week outside the Irving Shipyard in Halifax is heading up to New Glasgow and Truro today. Tamara Lorincz is going to deliver open letters to Defence Minister Peter MacKay in his New Glasgow office and to Conservative MP Scott Armstrong in his Truro office. Parliament is not sitting this week so Members of Parliament are expected to be in their ridings.

“The federal government is preparing a new budget and MPs MacKay and Armstrong have invited Canadians to send them their ideas to achieve the best use of taxpayers’ dollars. So, I’m going to tell them not to waste our money on warships that we don’t need,” Lorincz said.

She will also be delivering petitions calling on the federal government to redirect military spending to urgent social and environmental programs. “The federal government should be investing in the priorities of Canadians: healthcare, education and the environment. Plus, if the federal government really cares about job creation they should know that more jobs could be created in a green economy than building warships.”

Lorincz is further concerned that the warship contract is a risk to tax payers like the F-35 fiasco. “I’m going to tell our Members of Parliament that they have increased our country’s national debt to \$606 billion and they are running an annual deficit of \$26 billion. We simply cannot afford the financial risk of the warships.”

Lorincz will bring her signs “Action on Poverty & Climate Change: No Warships” and “Green Jobs; No Warships” and she will stand outside MacKay’s office in New Glasgow at 11 a.m. and Armstrong’s office in Truro at 2 p.m. More information about Lorincz’s struggle against the federal government’s planned construction of warships can be found on her web site and blog: [www.demilitarize.ca](http://www.demilitarize.ca)

**What:** Don't Waste Our \$ on Warships

**When:** Thursday, February 21 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Office of Minister of Defence Peter MacKay, 980 East River Road, New Glasgow

**Why:** Deliver letter, deliver two petitions and stand with signs outside of office

**What:** Don't Waste Our \$ on Warships

**When:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.,

**Where:** Office of Conservative Party MP Scott Armstrong, 18 Willow Street, Suite 101, Truro

**Why:** Deliver letter and to stand with signs outside of office

#### **Background:**

- Demilitarize: [www.demilitarize.ca](http://www.demilitarize.ca) and “Wednesdays against Warships” Blog: <http://demilitarize.ca/wp/>
- \*Read her latest posting about her conversation with shipyard union president Karl Risser
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/tamaralorincz>

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